jasthan for that purpose;

(c) the amount allocated therefor in 1992-93 annual plan; and

(d) the number of villages likely to be provided with drinking water facilities in Rajasthan during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not, arise.

(d) Under the Normal Plan Programmes - State Sector Minimum Needs Programme, Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme etc., all the identified resideual 44 problem villages and 3893 partially covered villages and all the unserved habitations are likely to be provided safe drinking water facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

Exploitation of Child Labour

5605. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a pilot project on child labour with the assistance of I. L. O. to provide essential and social welfare services for working children and to improve their living conditions besides protecting them from exploitation, is functioning in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c). the steps taken to improve and protect the children from exploitation particularly in the State of Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, with ILO assistance two projects for the benefit of working children namely CLASP (Child Labour Action and Support Programme) and IPEC (International Programme on Elimination of Child Labour) are under finalisation.

(c) Legislative provisions have been made in various labour laws to protect children from exploitation at work and to improve their working conditions. In addition, the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 prohibits employment of children in certain hazardous occupations and processes and regulates their employment in other areas. For strengthening the enforcement machinery of the state governments/ UT administrations who are mainly responsible for enforcing these provisions, 50% assistance is made available under a centrally sponsored scheme which has been taken up on a pilot basis.

The National Policy on Child Labour, 1987 has been formulated which inter-alia envisages focussing of general development programme for benefit of child labour and project based plan of action in areas of high concentration of child labour.

Financial assistance to voluntary organisations is provided for taking up action oriented projects.

The above measures are operative throughout the country.

Funds Under TRYSEM to Kerala

5606. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated to the Govern-

ment of Kerala under TRYSEM Scheme during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(b) the number of beneficiaries under the scheme during the above period in Kerala; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enhance the allocation under this scheme during Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) During 1989-90 and 1990-91 separate allocation were not being made for Recurring Expenses under TRYSEM. The expenditure on this account was being met from overall allocation for Integrated Rural Development Programme. The allocation under this head during 1991-92 from Central Government to Kerala was Rs. 84.90 lakhs. State Government has also to give additional equal share for the programme.

(b) The number of beneficiaries under the scheme during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto January, 1992) was 6113, 5657 and 5581 youth respectively.

(c) Allocation for eighth plan has not been finalised yet.

Equity Shares to Eoreign Companies and Bighindustrial Houses

5607. SHRI RAM NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have revived any response vis-a-vis the policy to allow 24 per cent equity shares to foreign companies and big industrial houses in the small scale units;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale being such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The details guidelines on Equity Participation by other industrial undertakings to the extent of 24% of total equity in the Small Scale Industrial Undertaking are being finalised and will be placed before the Parliament. The response can be assessed only after the implementation of the Policy.

(c) The rationale behind the Policy is to provide access the capital market and to encourage modernisation and technological upgradation. This would also provide a powerful boost to ancillarisation and subcontracting leading to expansion of employment opportunities.

Small Scale Industries Development Centres

5608. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up small scale industries development centres in the backward areas of the country during the Eight Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, whether such backward areas have been identified by the Government;

(c) if so, their number and the locations thereof;

(d) whether the Government have formulated any time bound programme to implement this scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J.